Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
for the period 25 November 2019 to 31 December 2020

Theberton and Eastbridge Action Group on Sizewell became a legal entity on 25 November 2019, Company Number 12330489. In February 2020 the Directors resolved to oppose Sizewell C and adopted the campaign name "Stop Sizewell C"

Our Articles state that we are not-for-profit: an Asset Lock ensures that if, for any reason, the company is wound up, remaining funds are distributed to RSPB Minsmere, the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Suffolk Preservation Society.

Our new Aims and Objectives (see our Articles of Association)
"The Company's objective is to Stop Sizewell C and all efforts will be made to achieve this. We also recognise the need to seek to minimise the impacts on the Parishes of Theberton and Eastbridge should the project go ahead, and will additionally:
a) Oppose the location of a single construction workers' accommodation campus and borrow pits close to Eastbridge.
b) Oppose the Sizewell Link Road when less impactful alternatives exist.
c) Oppose any proposals that damage the local environment or have potential long-lasting safety implications.
d) Question the impacts to the social and economic wellbeing of the local area and claimed benefits of the project."

Part I. ACTIVITIES
2020 was dominated by COVID-19, which had a profound effect on our activities, in particular our ability to respond to EDF's submitting its application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for Sizewell C. Finding new ways of working was a major feature of the year.

1. Engagement with the Sizewell C Planning Process
We campaigned vigorously during the early part of the year to press EDF not to submit its DCO application during a pandemic. EDF delayed a short time, but regretfully submitted on 27 May. Stop Sizewell C featured strongly in the resulting national press coverage (see 4). Once the application was submitted we urged the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) not to accept it, but on 24 June we learned it had been, and our main objective became extending the period for people to register as an interested party as long as possible. EDF set this deadline as 30 September. Our target was for 1,000 people to register as interested parties by submitting a

"Relevant Representation", which was achieved, and more than one in five interested parties specifically endorsed Stop Sizewell C.

A few days after the close of this deadline, EDF announced a 5th round of consultations on a number of changes to the Sizewell C project. These ran from 18 November to 18 December.

We managed two covid-compliant public meetings in early September with tightly restricted numbers. A number of online briefings were held: immediately after the DCO was submitted, when we knew the application had been accepted, to brief supporters on how to register as an interested party, and to advise on the issues in EDF's 5th consultations. Written briefings were also provided on the DCO main issues. See our dedicated page on the planning process www.stopsizewellc.org/what-you-can-do. We additionally gave support to the judicial review by Together Against Sizewell C (TASC) of East Suffolk Council's granting consent for EDF to relocate Sizewell B facilities, to make way for Sizewell C.

We have not met EDF since we changed our name to Stop Sizewell C but have written to them on a number of issues, including to overall CEO Jean Bernard Levy at EDF's Paris headquarters.

2. Advocacy

a) National Government: Stop Sizewell C met Energy Minister Nadhim Zahawi in March and conveyed a number of key arguments against Sizewell C.

In November, the night before a "nuclear summit" between the Prime Minister, Chancellor and Business Secretary, we projected our logo and a white elephant onto the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) headquarters in London. We maintained regular contact with officials in BEIS and the Treasury, and attended NGO forums hosted by the nuclear directorate within BEIS. The Energy White Paper was published in December with an accompanying statement that the government intended to enter negotiations with EDF about Sizewell C, it was emphasised that no decisions have been made, and are not expected to be made for some time.

During 2020 we published four reports which were shared with Ministers;

- A critique of EDF's Economic Statement by Development Economics
- A report, co-authored with Professor Steve Thomas, on Sizewell C's contribution to net zero, using EDF's own figures.
- A report on the "levelling up" potential of the Sizewell C site compared to other sites, also by Development Economics
- A report, also with Professor Steve Thomas, on the financing of Hinkley Point C.

Ministers received letters opposing Sizewell C from over 60 influencers in March, coordinated by Stop Sizewell C, and over 100 rural business owners in September. We encouraged supporters to write to the Prime Minister, Chancellor and Business Secretary at various times during the year, especially ahead of the Energy White Paper and co-sponsored with TASC a petition to government, signed by over 19,000 people (see 2). In December 2019 we published information on the Suffolk Coastal general election candidates' views on Sizewell C.

b) Local government: we engaged regularly with representatives from Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council, including escorting both Councils' leads on Sizewell C on a walk around the site in December 2020. We lobbied Councillors on a number of occasions, including ahead of motions tabled at both Councils on Sizewell C.

We've continued to work closely with Town and Parish Councils through our partnership with the Anglian Energy Planning Alliance. We have briefed Council representatives through online fora and helped with a number of joint letters - to Ministers, Local government and to EDF, signed by, on occasions, almost 60 Town and Parish Councils. At the same time 24 Councils oppose or cannot support EDF's proposals for Sizewell C.

2. Community Engagement and Public Awareness

Stop Sizewell C worked with TASC on a petition directed at government www.stopsizewellcpetition.com which was promoted on social media with new share images and short videos provided pro bono to our organisations by media professionals and supported by donors.

Stop Sizewell C has produced a number of videos outlining reasons to oppose the project. The series is not yet completed but currently features Bill Turnbull on finance, Vicky Bolton of the RSPB on wildlife and Rebecca Newsom, Greenpeace UK on EDF's technology. As described above we held a number of online talks, including to the Alde & Ore Association. Our website: www.stopsizewellc.org and social media platforms - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn (@stopsizewellc) - play an important role in growing our audience.

Offline, we produced and commissioned Royal Mail to deliver 45,000 leaflets to households in Suffolk Coastal Constituency. We also took two full page ads in East Anglian Daily Times during the period when EDF was deciding when to submit its DCO application.

We enjoy the continued support of Theberton & Eastbridge Parish Council and our close working relationships with B1122 Action Group and MLSG. We meet TASC fortnightly and other NGOs including Suffolk Preservation Society, RSPB, SWT, SCAR, SASES, the Anglian Energy Planning Alliance either individually or as a group on a regular basis.

The nuclear option

Building Sizewell C would be a disastrous mistake

ANTHONY HOROWITZ

I love Suffolk. This Christmas I will be there with my family and we'll almost certainly walk up the coast, joining dog-walkers, bird-watchers, hikers and even swimmers in one of the most beautiful and unspoiled parts of the UK. The secret of Suffolk is its relative inaccessibility. No major motorway connects it and once you arrive you're committed to a sprawling network of country lanes that twist through heathland and grazing marsh, mudflats and reedbeds. Minsmere, a nature reserve that's home to 6,000 wildlife species, is among its glories. The nightjar, the woodlark, the Dartford warbler and the silver-studded butterfly are just some of the rare species found there.

At least for the time being.

Not just the heritage coast, but quite possibly the entire county, could be changed for ever by the arrival of two new European pressurised reactors (EPRs). 'Sizewell C, a proposed new nuclear power station in Suffolk, has the potential to generate the reliable low carbon electricity the country needs for decades to come' is the claim made by EDF Energy, the French-owned company behind the project. It also has the potential to be a disastrous and expensive mistake. Many believe it already is.

First there's the site, which, if this were an episode of *Yes Minister*, might have been chosen for its comedy potential. Next to a world-famous bird sanctuary? In an area well-known for serious coastal erosion? As the avocets and warblers take flight, the entire thing could be reclaimed by a vengeful sea. The site is too small. It's poorly connected. (EDF put forward the idea of an 800m jetty to allow access by water. The idea sank.) Imagine 1,000 HGVs arriving every day, 10,000 cars, hundreds of buses. Actually, if you know the area, you can't.

As for EDF, perhaps you should judge a company by the company it keeps. EDF is in bed with CGN or China General Nuclear — blacklisted by the US government after the FBI and Department of Justice uncovered a nasty propensity for stealing American technology for its own use.

EDF may have lots of things going for it, but money isn't one of them. Already stretched to the limit by its 66 per cent stake in Hinkley Point (with a budget that has risen from £16 billion to at least £ 21.5 billion, making it the most expensive power station in the world), it needs £20 billion and hopes the UK government will come up with most of that through either a large stakeholding or a tax added to energy bills known as Regulated Asset Base.

To be fair, EPR nuclear reactors are notoriously difficult and expensive to construct. Look at Olkiluoto Island to the west of Finland, which went wrong almost at once when the slab base was incorrectly laid, a design fault which could have caused the entire thing to collapse if anyone sneezed. The project has been swamped by lawsuits. Or Flamanville in France, where costs have risen from €3.3 billion to €12.4billion and the EPR is already eight years late. The French energy minister has described it as a 'mess'.

There's every chance that by the time Sizewell C opens it will already be outdated

Here are two simple truths.

Right now the main beneficiary of the nuclear industry is… the nuclear industry.

'How's the wine, dear? I hear it packs a bit of a wallop.'

No western European country has commissioned new builds apart from the fiascos in Finland and France. Why is EDF even suggesting an EPR when there are other options that could be considered? There are the small modular reactors, for example, proposed by Rolls-Royce and put together in factories off-site, each one producing 440 megawatts of electricity, enough to power a small city. But that's not what EDF does. It'll stick with what it knows, even if what it knows is cumbersome and expensive.

And slow. Sizewell C needs planning consent and operating licences that won't be in place before 2022. It will take 12 years to construct. The earliest it could power even a single Christmas tree light is 2034, and it will need another six years to offset the CO_2 created by its construction. Net zero is of course the ultimate goal. But there are other ways to achieve this. Suffolk has offshore wind farms with more planned. Hydropower, geothermal energy, hydrogen cell technology — there's every chance that by the time Sizewell C opens it will already be outdated.

But will it actually go ahead? Nobody knows. The Prime Minister has approved the start of negotiations with EDF and he does like his 'big' projects, but in this case that's exactly the problem. As Alison Downes, a human rights campaigner now leading the Stop Sizewell C protest group, told me: 'We have no ideological opposition to nuclear power. It's the sheer scale and intensity of what's required to build these huge reactors — the workforce and the materials and all the rest of it — that have angered local people.' A petition against the project has been signed by 19,000 of them.

They may well know what to expect. Look at Leiston, just a few miles away, which bought into the myth of Sizewell B. Huge social problems involving pop-up brothels and drug dealing arose during its construction (1987-95) and what has been left behind is hardly glorious. The town looks tired and a little sad. Anthony Douglas CBE, chair of the Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership which protects children and adults at risk in the county, describes 'a significantly deprived population… with little social mobility'. This is the legacy of Sizewell B, and he worries that years of disruption during the new construction will further impact the health and wellbeing of local people.

Call me a Nimby if you must. How cleverly Donated (the Department Of Nasty Acronyms To Eliminate Debate) attacks our quality of life with easy insults. Not in my backyard — yes, but how else are we to protect the world if we don't look out for our backyards, for our neighbours, for each other? By the time Sizewell C is actually producing electricity I could well be dead, so in fact it's your and my children's backyards that concern me.

And on that cheery note, COTS! Work it out.

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3. Media work

In the early part of 2020 we worked with an investigative journalist to identify potential stories but soon discovered we were able to find these stories ourselves. Stop Sizewell C featured in or was part of over 50 national news stories in 2020, including The Times (x12), Daily Telegraph (x5), Financial Times (x4), Daily Mail (x8), BBC national TV and Radio 4 news. Other highlights include a piece by Anthony Horowitz in the Christmas edition of The Spectator. There were also 60 appearances in regional TV, radio and print media, notably advising and contributing to an in-depth piece by ITV Anglia. Stop Sizewell C also provided further stories but was not always mentioned in the final articles.

4. TEAGS Ltd

From 25 November 2019, Alison Downes was employed almost full-time as Executive Director. This was made possible by building a group of core committed donors whose continued support is enabling Alison to continue working during 2021. A new campaign name meant a new logo and rebranding of our website and social media profiles. A new bank was also selected that allowed two-factor online authorisation, and the Directors decided to change the financial year to coincide with the calendar year.

The Directors and Members of TEAGS Ltd met 14 times during this period, roughly monthly.
Directors *(in alphabetical order)*:

- Stephen Brett
- Paul Collins, Chair
- Alison Downes, Executive Director
- Robert Flindall
- Charles Macdowell

There are no persons of significant control.
Our full Members, who with the Directors form the Steering Group, are *(in alphabetical order)*:

- Sue Ashton, Treasurer and Company Secretary
- Martin Cooper
- Roy Dowding
- Michael Gower
- Alan Hatt
- John Rea-Price

5. Thanks

We are indebted to so many people who have helped us during this time both in front of and - in many cases - behind the scenes. They know who they are and we thank them all, including all of our supporters and donors, and our community, the residents of Theberton and Eastbridge.

This report is dedicated to our friend and collaborator Paul Field who died on 13 March 2020.

Part II. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

When the company was registered in November 2019, we resolved to change our financial year from April-March to January-December. The following information covers the period from our registration to 31 December 2020. A full set of accounts is in preparation and will be submitted to Companies House later in 2021. The following figures are an accurate record of our income and expenditure, but should be regarded as for information only.

Income and Expenditure Account
For the period 25 November 2019 to 31 December 2020

Income	
Funds carried forward from TEAGS	£ 31,517
Donations	£155,866
Fundraising Events	£0
Grants	£0
Total funds available	**£187,383**
Expenditure	
Offline promotion, print and design	£ 14,947
Online promotion and creative production	£ 11,278
Consultants, Legal & Expert Studies	£ 30,425
Travel, Hospitality, Conferences	£ 796
Subscriptions	£ 525
Legal & Professional	£ 1,081
Staff Costs	£ 39,363
Other	£ 850
Total expenditure	**£ 99,265**
Surplus carried forward to 2021	**£ 88,118**